

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, September 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 6:35 pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Priscilla Sandberg, Paul Boothroyd, Lee Caras, Brion Berghaus, Ann Gibson and Paul Lesage.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Courville.

GUEST: Page Czepiga, a Maynard Master Plan administrator

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14th meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul B and approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 17th meeting was postponed because some Committee members had not received the draft minutes. They will be re-sent and scheduled for an approval vote at the October meeting.

CURRENT TOPICS

Master Plan review of MHC ownership items with Page Czepiga [EXHIBIT]:

- 1- CPC funding for projects is ongoing.
 - 2- MHC has its own five-year plan that is updated annually, rather than opting for a "community-wide preservation plan".
 - 3- The MHC does not qualify for grants that CLG-designated towns may pursue. It is not a CLG. It is not clear how the pursuit of such grants came to be listed as having MHC ownership.
- Action Item: The form Page has provided should be completed and submitted to her at Town hall by January.

CPC Applications: Ellen said that the following preliminary applications had been submitted.

- 1- a MACRIS survey (25k),
 - 2- development of the Ice House foundation project parameters (50k), and
 - 3- digitization and preservation of Town Records (144k).
- Paul B said that the Glenwood Cemetery records needed updating. Ellen said the the records of St. Bridget's were private and that the records of St. George's had been sent to Boston at some point.

Historically Significant Properties List [EXHIBIT: "Cleanup of Historically Significant List"]:

The "Marker" column will be retitled "MHC Marker".

- #3 Asa Smith House -has a marker
- #4 G. Smith House -eliminate barn
- #6 Wm. Parker -marker refused
- #14a St. Bridget's Rectory -has a marker
- #30 Mission Evangelical Cong. Church -address is Walnut St. (not Ave.) and has marker
- #33 Wm. Smith House -there is no pending marker
- #46 Should be the 2nd Nason Street School/Roosevelt School. Add word "foundation".
- #47 Assabet Mill Wool Sorting Shed/Boarding House -has no marker (no owner response)
- #52 Wm. Clary House -add "Cleary" spelling so it reads "Clary/Cleary"
- #64 Canal Pump House -change # to #59 and renumber all subsequent items

Action Item: Ann will do the renumbering and then alphabetize the List by street name.

Jack made a motion to approve the List as amended above. It was seconded by Lee and approved.

Action Item: Ann will send the List with its updates to the Committee members.

Action Item: Jack will send the final List to Dave Griffin for posting on the Town website, to the Office of Municipal Services and to Rick Asmann, the Building Inspector.

Candidates for Historically Significant Properties List/MACRIS [EXHIBIT]: Ann led the discussion.

Ellen made a motion to approve the 13 additional properties as listed. It was seconded by Lee.

All properties were approved by roll-call voting, with Lee abstaining on "A Craftsman bungalow: 32 Great (MAY.34)".

Remove from HSP List [EXHIBIT]: Motion made by Jack to remove 12 Park Street. It was seconded by Paul B and approved.

Candidates for new MACRIS inventory reports [EXHIBIT]:

Town boundary markers - Paul B said that the marker on Rte. 27 at the Sudbury line was owned by Sudbury. He planned to review the 1904 town bounds book to find ownership of the others.

Historical Markers: all have been delivered except 12 Park Street, the Methodist Church (by Jack) and 2 that Ann will deliver (Powdermill Superintendent's house and the Joshua Edwards house).

Historic Plaque applications: Ann will follow up on forms from 9 Maple Street and 11 Linden Street.

Curfew bell: Ellen said that the display table for the bell was nearly finished.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: Lee offered to continue as Clerk, and Ellen as CPC representative for another year.

Can there be Co-Chairs? Can the number of the Commission's voting members be changed to greater than 5?

Action item: Jack will check to see if the number of voting members can be changed through a Town Meeting warrant article. Ann voiced reservations about changing the number.

Discussion about making meetings shorter by utilizing subcommittees. This suggestion will be considered in later meetings.

Jack made a motion that all incumbent officers be approved for the year. It was seconded by Ellen and approved.

Walking Tour brochures: Following discussion, Jack moved that 100-150 of each be printed, the exact number depending on the price quote.

Candidates for open Alternate Member position: Discussion of several possible candidates (Wynette, Mark, Lundberg, owner of Powdermill superintendent's house).

Action Item: Priscilla will post a notice on Facebook.

OTHER:

Jack reported that a \$2,000 MHC budget had been approved for the current fiscal year.

He also reported that, with regards to the former Finnish church on Walnut Street, the Change of Use to a private home allows for less than full compliance to current building standard code for an historic structure, according to Rick Asmann. A renovation to code could damage historic preservation of the structure. A letter from MHC in support of a waiver will go to the Building Inspector.

The mock-ups of the Mill history panels are still at the DPW. They should be stored at the Society archives. Co-ordination of that delivery should be done. Paul B said that the Society archivists are meeting some Wednesday mornings.

Ellen reported that CPC funding for the Marble Farm foundation entailed designating the area, currently zoned as open space, an official park.

Fire Station 12:10 whistle (1968 replacement): Ellen will talk to the Fire Chief and to Dave Griffin about donating it to the Society Archives. Since the whistle is Town property, Paul B thinks a request letter should go to the Select Board stating the Society's interest in receiving the whistle if it is not to be place in the new fire station.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.